

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5 with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a Continuation of United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/546,657, filed April 10, 2000, entitled "Parallel SELEX<sup>TM</sup>", now abandoned, which is a Continuation of United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/157,601, filed September 21, 1998, entitled "Parallel SELEX<sup>TM</sup>", now U.S. Patent No. 6,048,698, which is ~~This application is~~ a Continuation-In-Part of United States Patent Application Serial No. 08/618,700, filed March 20, 1996, entitled "Parallel SELEX<sup>TM</sup>", now U.S. Patent No. 5,858,660, which is a Continuation-In-Part of United States Patent Application Serial No. 08/309,245, entitled "Parallel SELEX", filed September 20, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,723,289, ~~each of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.~~